UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

JADWALEAN INT'L CO. FOR : OPERATIONS & MGMT :

Plaintiff,

:

v. : CIVIL ACTION NO.

3:09-CV-00018(JCH)

UNITED TECH CORP., ET AL

Defendant. : APRIL 17, 2009

ORDER

The parties' Stipulated Protective Order [Doc. No. 18] is GRANTED, except as to paragraph 9. If either party wants to designate anything filed with, or presented to, the court as confidential and place it under seal, that party must make a separate motion in accordance with District of Connecticut Local Rule 5(d), specifying precisely what the parties wish to be kept under seal and making a particularized showing of good cause as to why the court should depart from the strong presumption against sealing any court records to public inspection. See Nixon v. Warner Comm., Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 597-99 (1978); United States v. Graham, 257 F.3d 143, 150 (2d Cir. 2001); United States v. Amodeo, 44 F.3d 141, 146 (2d Cir. 1995); Video Software Dealers Assoc. v. Orion Pictures, Corp. (In re Orion Pictures Corp.), 21 F.3d 24, 26 (2d Cir. 1994).

In limited circumstances and upon a showing of compelling circumstances, this court may order certain records to be sealed. However, "[i]n most cases, a judge must carefully and skeptically review sealing requests to insure that there really is an extraordinary circumstance or compelling need." Id. at 27 (citation omitted); Sec Exchange Comm'n v. The Street.com, 273 F.3d 222, 232 (2d Cir. 2001). Moreover, ordinarily, a court must make that determination on the basis of a careful, document-by-document review of the particular portions of the document that a party

wishes to be kept under seal and after considering whether the requested order is no

broader than necessary to serve the interests that require protection. See United

States v. Amodeo, 71 F.3d 1044, 1051-51 (2d Cir. 1995). A blanket sealing order such

as that apparently requested would rarely, if ever, be appropriate. Furthermore, the

parties' agreement to seal or limit disclosure of documents on file is not a sufficient

basis for granting such an order. <u>Id</u>. Until either party demonstrates the existence of

extraordinary circumstances or a compelling need to seal from public view any

particular portion of any specific document filed in this case, this court will not depart

from the governing strong presumption of open access.

If a party (hereinafter "filing party") intends to file anything that contains material

designated by another party ("designating party") as "confidential," the filing party must

give any designating party 14 days notice of intent to file. If the designating party

objects, it should notify the filing party and file a Motion to Seal no later than 5 calendar

days before the filing date, and the filing party shall hold his pleadings containing any

such designated material until the court acts on the Motion to Seal, at which point the

filing party should file within 5 calendar days of the court's Order on the Motion to Seal.

A redacted version of any pleading filed under seal must be filed within 5 days of

the court's Order sealing the pleading.

SO ORDERED

Dated at Bridgeport, Connecticut, this 17th day of April, 2009.

/s/ Janet C. Hall

Janet C. Hall

United States District Judge

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